

MAS-A-816

Chief, Foreign Division W  
Attention:  
Chief of Station, Vienna

28 September 1951

Operational  
Johann BECHER

Reference: MAY-W-3201

1. One Johann BECHER is reported in paragraph 9, b of reference as a former member of the SANITZER staff in Vienna. In a German illustrated periodical, dated September 1951, which came to attention in Berchtesgaden, an article appeared pertaining to the allegedly luxurious and leisurely life enjoyed by political prisoners in the Eichstaett internment camp in Bavaria. Among the inmates of the camp, the periodical mentioned one Hans BECHER, a former police officer who betrayed a German resistance movement to the Gestapo.
2. Since there appears to be a good chance that the BECHER interned in Eichstaett is identical with the BECHER who served on SANITZER's staff during the war, it is recommended that he be interrogated by a case officer from the German Mission.
3. Headquarters' traces are requested.

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